

House Resolution No. 1431

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Paul Rutherford, an esteemed resident of Lee's Summit, Missouri, who has distinguished himself as a 2004 Missouri recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the nation's highest recommendation of its kind and the "Nobel Prize" of teaching; and

Whereas, on March 16, 2004, Paul Rutherford and the ninety-five other honored teachers from across the country met with President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush to discuss education issues and to take a tour of the White House; and

Whereas, Paul Rutherford currently serves as an instructor at the Lee's Summit R-VII School District's Summit Technology Academy, where he teaches concepts of physics to his junior and senior students through hands-on, self-learning techniques by letting them solve problems and figure out how science works; and

Whereas, Paul Rutherford's students design lesson plans for Richardson and Highland Park elementary school students, mainly focusing on Newton's Law of Motion, and teach them with the same hands-on techniques; and

Whereas, while teaching for the Shawnee Mission School District in Kansas, Paul Rutherford was honored as a finalist for the Presidential Award in Kansas in 1996; and

Whereas, Paul Rutherford looks forward to sharing the \$10,000 prize with his students at Summit Tech, and his colleagues in the Lee's Summit R-VII School District:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Paul Rutherford at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Paul Rutherford.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Yates
District No. 56

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1431, adopted April 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker